## Energy Futures Task Force 1/19/17 – recorded by Trish Ng, Scribe Minutes Approved: March 2, 2017

**Attending:** Pam Hill, Chair, Brian Foulds, Dan Gainsboro, Wally Johnston, John Dalton, Elise Woodward, Alice Kaufman, Select Board Liaison Citizens: Laura Scott, CMLP Liaison, Charles Parker, Sue Richardson, Garret Whitney

Meeting was called to order 7:33 am.

Minutes from 12/29 and 1/5 meetings were reviewed and approved.

Discussion followed on the following topics:

Public Meeting is scheduled for February 1. The Chair will post agenda and time for Pre-meeting at 6:30 pm in the Townhouse Hearing Room.

EFTF may participate in Cooler Concord Fair, but the agenda is full; attendees will be a different customer than Town Meeting or public forum attendees and it may be a good opportunity to have handouts to describe the work of EFTF. Brad Hubbard-Nelson indicated handouts might be distributed at sign in/sign out package. Brian will draft description for flyer before next meeting.

The next EFTF meeting is scheduled for 1/26 meeting. Wally and Elise are not available.

Possible titles for Director role were discussed.

Suggestions are: Sustainability Director, Energy Director, description is more important than actual title, let Town Manager decide, Director of Sustainability, Director of Sustainable Energy, "Director Level Position" title TBD by Select Board. It was decided to leave Director of Energy as noted in the warrant article language.

Minor refinements were made to the Job Description, adding "reporting and accountability to public schools and CCRSD"; confirming that job description contains language about "reduction of GHG".

CMLP meeting – Elise, Dan, Brian had 20 minutes of conversation during budget meeting. It was a "good start" but CMLP board members were not all present or had not all read report and were expecting a more formal presentation from EFTF. A further discussion will be included on the agenda of the 2/8 meeting. The Light Board is open to reviewing the report with some skepticism about the reality of achieving the goals. Light Board is interested in cost and public roll out of recommendations.

EFTF needs to have more clarity on costs, and that these recommendations are not directed solely at CMLP. The report needs to be clear that EFTF recommends but cannot direct Select Board nor Town Manager to make changes. CMLP strategic planning may take EFTF recommendations into consideration as it is on a parallel path.

It was agreed that John Dalton would lead the presentation on 2/8.

Regarding costs: embracing Paris Agreement will have significant and necessary costs. Messaging should be clear to be prudent and fiscally responsible with commitment to financial and behavioral challenges. EFTF has done the work and must just communicate information. Within the message should be behavioral changes and rate increases will be necessary.

It was noted that the report gives the cost analysis and it is up to town to proceed with the information presented. It will be the responsibility of the director and consultant to design an implementation plan.

It was noted that citizens who show up at public meetings do not represent total town population but CMLP does affect all citizens.

## Draft Report

Missing sections in report includes schools, report of CMLP meeting, information on other municipal plants, net zero, social cost of carbon, precedents for 100% renewable goals in other towns.

The Exec Summary has been edited to include immediate and long term recommendations.

John suggests Critical Peak Pricing (CPP) be removed from the CMLP section of the report because it causes a shift in demand but doesn't affect overall consumption and reduction of GHG.

The Chair requested each member to review the recommendations and the order of Table of Contents? More discussion followed about specific ordering of the report sections.

It was noted that it is important to recommend strategic as well as behavioral changes (what we can implement by vote and what can managed through education/personal responsibility).

A section on social change is needed including the need for the Town to prioritize resources to areas of highest emissions. The section on public input / survey results summarizes comments. The appendix will include all "raw" public input as well as the survey results.

Discussion followed on edits to the global warming section, Green washing as a topic, fair accounting of recs, carbon offsets etc. It was decided to remove "green washing" section. The report should focus on "the time is now" and look forward.

Report draft will be revised by 1/23 for EFTF review and issued for public comment on 1/25.

## Public Comment

- 1. Presentation to Select Board on 2/6 confirmed Talk about cost savings in preventing future disasters and savings offset from economies of scale in report
- 2. Executive Summary should focus on shift to electric and potential profits to CMLP from increased electrification may be mentioned.

  Critical Peak Pricing obstacles may be mentioned: any conversation of impact of 10x increase; some cannot adapt and will there be a mechanism for relief?
- 3. It's an optimistic notion that consumers will pay attention to timing of energy use. Focus on smart appliances.

Costs conversation doesn't have a good answer – one way to frame it is there are investments (renewables) and savings involved (light plant has to get more efficient).

We can't forecast effect of efficiencies of devices in the future – we don't know what will happen, where market will go, it's fair to say we don't know what it will really cost.

4. GHG objective – report focuses on recommendation of things that will be done (energy transformation). Behaviors won't be changed by this report. Simple overarching goal is reducing GHG by 80%, and hiring someone to implement etc.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 am.